

ALL VISNs	
Start Date	November / 2003
End Date	November / 2003

	Outreach Audience										
VISN	Employee	Veteran/Rel	Congressional	VSO	Affiliate	Volunteer	Union	Local Org	DoD	Other	Total
0											0
1	9514	56	84	131	17	2	24	0	0	9	9837
2	490	20	3	65	0	75	0	45	0	0	698
3	1533	85	0	150	0	275	4	29	45	60000	62121
4	285	8	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	378
5	0	0	0	116	0	0	0	0	0	0	116
6	2563	200	0	72	2	200	0	0	0	0	3037
7	261	34	2	72	165	50	3	10	0	1	598
8											0
9											0
10	50	10	0	104	0	6	0	0	0	4	174
11	112	9	5	140	0	3	0	0	0	12	281
12											0
15	439	20	1	173	0	5	10	22	0	0	670
16	12	0	2	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
17	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
18	704	123	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	836
19	176	0	2	47	0	0	6	50	0	0	281
20	851	110	24	0	0	25	4	0	61	52019	53094
21	2947	50	9	123	0	0	12	0	0	3	3144
22	24	30	4	73	1	1	0	1	0	0	134
23	17	26	24	197	0	0	0	0	0	6	270
	19978	821	162	1581	185	642	63	159	106	112056	135753

CARES Stakeholder Outreach

ALL VISNs From: November / 2003 To: November / 2003

Contacts															
VISN	Employee	Veteran/Rel	Senator	Representative	VSO	Affiliate	Volunteer	Union	Local Org	DoD	State Gov	Local Gov	Media	Other	Total
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1	1	1		1	1										4
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18														3	3
19			1											1	2
20			1										1		2
21			1	1								1	2		5
22															0
23		1													1
	1	5	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	5	23

Summary of Substantive Comments			
From: November / 2003		To: November / 2003	
Facility	Who	What they said	Action taken / Impact on plan
Ann Arbor, MI	Congressman John D. Dingell	Brief discussion of CARES during Congressman Dingell's Veterans Round Table discussion at our facility.	N/A
Bedford, MA	Commission reviews complete. Report due to Principi by 12/03.	What about Alzheimer's issues at Bedford? What would happen if beds at Bedford closed? Vets are supposed to be getting credit cards. Would this change with CARES? Is it true that Congress is considering \$4.5B for repairs of property?	At this time the cost information is just rumors. Care Commission will look at additional data submitted by the VISN. Care is only looking at properties and buildings at this time. To better meet the needs of the Veteran, CARES has stayed away from issues other than property and buildings. The Alzheimers program was scheduled to go to Brockton. It is important to keep this unit intact. There is a proposal for construction of a new Alzheimer's unit.
Canandaigua, NY	HARRY KENYAM	EXCELLENT CARE AT VA ADGA.	NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE DRAFT PLAN TO CLOSE CANANDAIGUA VA MEDICAL CENTER.
Canandaigua, NY	FRANCIS YOUNEY	MY BROTHER SERVED 3 TOURS OD DUTY IN VIETNAM. CARES DOES NOT CARE ABOUT HIM OR HIS MENTAL HEALTH.	NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE DRAFT PLAN TO CLOSE CANANDAIGUA VA MEDICAL CENTER.
Canandaigua, NY	DAVID MILLER	I'M A GRATEFUL VET WHO'S BEEN BLESSED THROUGH THE VA CANANDAIGUA.	NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE CARES DRAFT PLAN TO CLOSE CANANDAIGUA.
North Texas HCS	Four County Service Officers	Concerned about North Texas obtaining resources we need for CARES	
Palo Alto HCS	Grace Schmidt: Staffer for Cong. Tauscher	Inquiring on the Secretary's visit to the Livermore Division	Explained the visit
Palo Alto HCS	Scott Tryell	Inquiring on the Secretary's visit	explained and provided the agenda for his visit
Palo Alto HCS	Mike White	Inquiring on the Secretary's visit to the Livermore Division	Provided information and invited to a press conference Nov. 25, 2003
Palo Alto HCS	Staffer	Inquiring on the Secretary's visit	Provide an overview of the Livermore Division realignment and invited to Livermore for the Secretary's visit.
Portland, OR	Dean Baker, Columbian	Wants update on CARES process, possible realignment of Vancouver campus.	Gave most recent info and will update as we get more info. The Columbian has been giving extensive coverage to CARES as process relates to Vancouver.
Salt Lake City, UT	Senator Hatch's staff	CARES status	Briefing provided
Salt Lake City, UT	VACO staff member	CARES inquiry	Information provided
Southern Arizona HCS	325 Stakeholders where sent Veterans Update Newsletters, reflecting CARES website informational address.	N/A Informational only.	N/A Neutral Info only.
Southern Arizona HCS	Attendees at the City of Tucson - Veterans Committee Meeting	N/A Informational Only	N/A Neutral Info only.
Southern Arizona HCS	SAVAHCS VSO REPRESENTATIVES	N/A INFORMATIONAL ONLY	NONE NEUTRAL - INFO ONLY
Tampa, FL	John Haynes (DAV), Robert Boznak (Veterans Council), representative for Congressman Dave Weldon, Rod Smith, and others	Meeting to discuss Orlando expansion	
VISN 1 Office	Staff member to U.S. Representative	Were CARES alternative solutions for East Market developed in response to actual data? What factors necessitated creating alternative plans?	Alternative plans were based upon actual data and upon concerns raised by stakeholders and CARES Commission. VISN asked by VACO to specifically address realignment of inpatient care at Bedford VAMC to other VISN facilities.

Walla Walla, WA	A.J. Emily, Senior Health Care Staffer	Wanted to know what "we" submitted as the preferred options in our CARES plan	we told her what was in the original plan and the most important consideration was to ensure that veterans do not see a decrease in access to care and quality.
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